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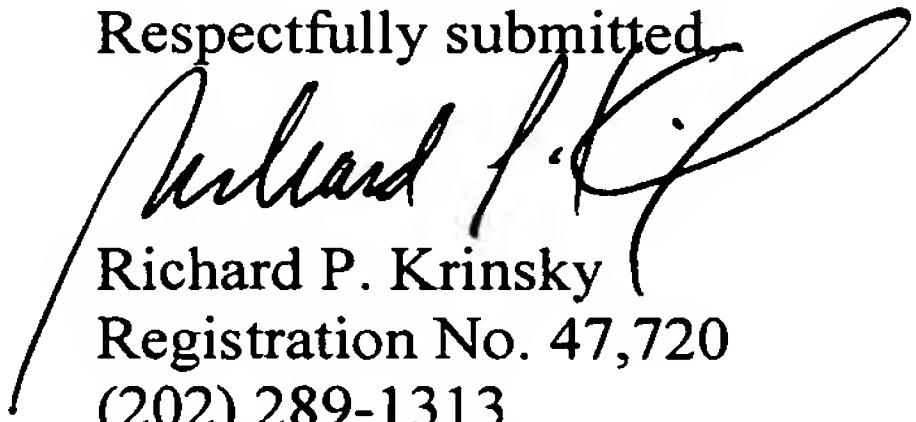
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Document AC (US 4,861,329) is equivalent to Document AS (EP 0 320 105).

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